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Amendment Dated November 5, 2003  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Hiromichi Ishibashi et al.  
Filed: July 10, 2000  
Title: MULTIVALUED INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD, MULTIVALUED  
INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS, AND RECORDING MEDIUM  
TC/A.U.: 2652  
Examiner: Wayne R. Young  
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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated  
**October 8, 2003.**

Applicants elect to prosecute Species (a), Fig. 1. Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 7-9 read on  
Species (a). This election is made without traverse.

Newly amended claim 4 now dependent on claim 1, and newly amended claim 6 now  
dependent on claim 5, also read on Species (a).

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page **2** of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☐ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.

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